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In re the Application of

NISHIZAWA et al.

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Examiner: Dillon Jr., J.

For: TRANSFER SYSTEM

Docket No.: 107348-00362

**REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF
CONSIDERATION OF DISCLOSED INFORMATION**

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Date: August 9, 2005

Sir:

An Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 was filed in the above-captioned patent application on September 15, 2003. Applicants have not yet received a copy of the Form PTO-1449 initialed by the Examiner to acknowledge the cited disclosed information was considered by the Examiner.

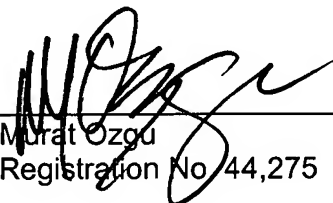
Applicants respectfully submit that copies of the references are not required to be submitted by the Applicants according to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d). Put simply, Applicants note the instant application is a continuation-in-part of parent application number 09/807,988, which was relied upon for an earlier effective filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120. See Item 4 on page -2- of the Information Disclosure Statement. Moreover, Applicants respectfully note the Information Disclosure Statement in the parent application complies with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)-(c). As such, Applicants reiterate they are not required to resubmit the references and that the Examiner is required to consider the references, copies of which are provided in the parent application. For the convenience of the Examiner, Applicants provide herein a clean, courtesy copy of the Forms PTO 1449 attached to the September 15, 2003 Information Disclosure Statement to be initialed by the Examiner after considering all

of the references cited therein. The Examiner is requested to initial and return to the undersigned a copy of the subject Form PTO-1449.

Should there be any questions concerning this communication, please telephone the undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the information item(s) listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each item(s) is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the item(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application, OR (c) accompanies a Request for Continued Examination. No certification or fee is required.
- ☐ 2. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date AND after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing date of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance.
- ☐ a. I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. 37 CFR §1.97(e)(1).
- ☐ b. I hereby certify that no item of information in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. 37 CFR §1.97(e)(2).

- ☐ c. A check in the amount of \$180.00 in payment of the fee under 37 CFR §1.17(p). Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2300 as needed to ensure consideration of the disclosed information.
- ☐ 3. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date and after the mailing date of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance, but before payment of the Issue Fee. Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) that the Information Disclosure Statement be considered. Attached is our check in the amount of \$180.00 in payment of the petition fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i)(1). Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2300 as needed to ensure consideration of the disclosed information.
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- ☒ 4. The reference(s) was/were cited by or submitted to the Office in parent application No. 09/807,988, filed August 10, 2001, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Thus, copies of these references are not attached. 37 CFR § 1.98(d).

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	AJ	JP-A-10-166230	06/23/98	Japan				X	
	AK	JP-A-8-215944	08/27/96	Japan				X	
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